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1. SUMMARY. EMBOFF REVIEWED RESULTS OF JUNE 24-25 FOREIGN
MINISTERS COUNCIL AND JUNE 23-24 AGRICULTURAL MINISTERS
COUNCIL WITH DR. MORAWITZ, DEPUTY ASST SECY FOR EC
AFFAIRS IN ECONOMICS MINISTRY. WHILE IN FRG VIEW
DISCUSSION ON MOST ISSUES AT FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING
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PLEASED ABOUT SUCCESS OF PROTECTIONIST FORCES AT

AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL. FRG CABINET MET JUNE 25 TO REVIEW RESULTS OF THESE MEETINGS, AND SCHEDULED FULL CABINET REVIEW OF COMMUNITY POLICY FOR SEPTEMBER. COMMENTS ON AID TO PORTUGAL, TROPICAL PRODUCTS, AND EUROPEAN COUNCIL AGENDA WHICH SUPPLEMENT INFORMATION REPORTED IN REFTELS ALSO ARE SET FORTH BELOW. END SUMMARY.

2. PROTECTION OF PROCESSED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES. ACCORDING TO MORAWITZ, AGRICULTURAL MINISTER ERTI REPORTED TO FRG CABINET JUNE 25 THAT HE WAS COMPLETELY ISOLATED IN HIS EFFORTS AT AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL TO OBTAIN MORE LIBERAL REGIME. WITHOUT SUPPORT FROM EVEN BRITISH OR DUTCH, HE WAS FORCED TO ACQUIESCE TO DEMANDS OF ITALIANS AND OTHERS FOR TIGHTER COMMUNITY SAFEGUARDS. HAVING LITTLE CHOICE, CABINET ACCEPTED CONCESSIONS MADE BY ERTL. HOWEVER, CABINET IS NOT HAPPY ABOUT HIGHER PRICES AND SUPPORT COSTS THAT WILL BE ENTAILED AS NEW REGIME GOES INTO EFFECT. THIS COMES ON TOP OF BURDEN WHICH FRG FORESEES IN SUPPORTING PRICES OF GRAINS AND OTHER FOODSTUFFS AS INTERNATIONAL PRICE LEVELS DROP. EXTENSION OF CAP TO PROTECT GREEK PRODUCTION WILL ALSO ENTAIL SIZEABLE ADDITIONAL BURDEN FOR GERMANS. MORAWITZ SUGGESTED THAT US SHOULD QUICKLY ACT TO NOTIFY COMMUNITY OF TRADE DAMAGE LIKELY TO BE CAUSED BY NEW REGIME FOR PROCESSED FOODS, PARTICULARLY CERTIFICATION SYSTEM, AS WELL AS BY GREEK ACCESSION. WHILE HE IS OF COURSE AWARE OF FREQUENT REPRESENTATIONS WE HAVE MADE IN PAST ON BOTH MIPS AND MEDITERRANEAN POLICY, HE HAD NO SUGGESTIONS AS TO SPECIFIC ITEMS ON WHICH WE MIGHT HOPE TO OBTAIN CONCESSIONS AS A RESULT OF SUCH REPRESENTATIONS.

3. FRG SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY INITIATIVES. IN A FRONT PAGE STORY ON JUNE 26, THE BONN GENERAL-ANZEIGER REPORTED THAT GROWING DIFFERENCES OF OPINION BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER AND THE CHANCELLOR SURFACED

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AT JUNE 25 CABINET REVIEW OF EC COUNCIL MEETINGS. GENSCHER REPORTEDLY COMPLAINED THAT FRG IS CONTINUALLY PLACED IN DIFFICULT POSITION VIS-A-VIS ITS PARTNERS BECAUSE OF ITS REFUSAL TO PROVIDE NEW FUNDS FOR ANY COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, WHETHER LARGE OR SMALL. FRG REFUSAL TO INCREASE THE BUDGET FOR EC RESEARCH CENTERS IN SPRA, ITALY, AND PETTEN, NETHERLANDS, WAS CITED AS AN EXAMPLE. MORAWITZ DOWNPLAYED THE REPORT OF THIS CONTROVERSY, BUT ADMITTED THAT IN THE EYES OF MANY EUROPEANS THE FRG HAD TAKEN THE PLACE OF FRANCE AND THE UK AS THE CHIEF HINDRANCE TO FURTHER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTEGRATION BECAUSE OF ITS REFUSAL TO HELP PAY FOR NEW PROGRAMS.

4. AID TO PORTUGAL. ACCORDING TO MORAWITZ, THE FOREIGN MINISTERS AGREED TO COMBINE BILATERAL PROGRAMS INTO A SINGLE COMMUNITY PACKAGE. MINISTERS ALSO DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF HAVING EIB OFFER SIZEABLE LOANS. WHILE THERE WAS WIDE SUPPORT FOR EXPANDED EIB PROGRAM, THIS HAS NOT YET BEEN APPROVED. FRG AGREED TO CONTRIBUTE DM 70 MILLION CREDITS TO

COMMUNITY PACKAGE.

5. TROPICAL PRODUCTS. FRG PROPOSAL TO EXTEND LOME CONVENTION ON SOME TROPICAL PRODUCTS TO NON-ACPS WAS MADE ON INFORMAL BASIS. OTHER MEMBERS OPPOSED THIS PROPOSAL ON GROUNDS THAT IT WOULD ERODE COMMUNITY'S NEGOTIATING LEVERAGE IN MTNS AS WELL AS ERODE THE ACP PREFERENCES. HAVING RECEIVED NO SUPPORT, FRG WILL DROP THIS PROPOSAL FOR UNILATERAL EC ACTION OUTSIDE THE MTNS.

6. AGENDA FOR EUROPEAN COUNCIL. MORAWITZ UNDERSTANDS THAT THE FRENCH REQUESTED THAT MONETARY AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS BE INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA IN ORDER TO BRING THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT INTO COMMUNITY DISCUSSIONS OF INTERNATIONAL MONETARY QUESTIONS. HE BELIEVES THE FRANCH WILL IN PARTICULAR PRESS FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR THEIR VIEWS ON GOLD AND IMF VOTING RIGHTS.
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